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SUBJECT: VISIT TO FRANCE OF YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT AND
FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC

1. FRENCH PRESS HAS GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE TO CURRENT VISIT
OF YUGOSLAV VICE PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC. IN
ADDITION TO HIS REPORTEDLY EXTENSIVE TOUR D' HORIZON WITH FON MIN
JOBERT, MINIC ALSO RECEIVED MAY 28 FOR ONE HOUR DISCUSSION WITH
PREMIER MESSMER AND SCHEDULED TO CALL MAY 29 ON PRESIDENT
POMPIDOU. FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN MAY 29 LE MONDE REVIEWS
PAST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DEGAULLE AND TITO AND NOTES
POMPIDOU' S " PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL" EFFORTS TO OVERCOME THOSE
DIFFERENCES AND STRENGTHEN FRENCH- YUGOSLAV RELATIONS.

2. MINIC' S TALKS WITH FRENCH LEADERS HAVE APPARENTLY FOCUSED
PRIMARILY ON EUROPE-- WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO EAST- WEST
DEVELOPMENTS AND YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO IMPROVE ECONOMIC TIES
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WITH EC. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, FRENCH EMPHASIZING "INDEPENDENT" ROLES OF FRANCE IN EC AS WELL AS IN NATO AND OF YUGOSLAVIA AS NON-ALIGNED POWER IN EASTERN EUROPE. MINIC HAS REPORTEDLY PRESSED GOY TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL TRADE AND TO SUPPORT GOY DESIRE TO EXPORT MORE WINE, CORN, TEXTILES, AND OTHER SPECIFIED COMMODITIES TO EC. FRENCH HAVE POINTED TO "ENCOURAGING RESULTS" IN THEIR COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVS IN MACHINE BUILDING, AUTOMOBILE AND ALUMINUM INDUSTRIES, BUT ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MORE CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE TO STIMULATE BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

3. BOTH SIDES HAVE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS IN HELSINKI TALKS PREPARING CSCE. HOWEVER, BOTH ALSO CANDIDLY ADMIT DIFFERENCES OVER YUGOSLAV DESIRE TO AIR VIEWS ON EUROPEAN FORCE REDUCTIONS AT HELSINKI AND FRANCE'S OPPOSITION TO THIS IDEA.

4. ON BROADER SCALE, BOTH JOBERT AND MINIC HAVE CONGRATULATED EACH OTHER ON ACTIVE YUGOSLAV AND FRENCH ROLES, AIMED AT "NOT LEAVING IT UP TO VERY GREAT POWERS TO SETTLE THE AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD." MINIC HAS EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE BELGRADE ATTACHES TO REINVIGORATION OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. BOTH FRENCH AND YUGOSLAVS HAVE DRAWN ATTENTION TO IMPORTANCE OF MEDITERRANEAN (WITHOUT DIRECTLY RELATING THIS TO CSCE) AND TO NEED FOR SOLUTION TO CONTINUING MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

6. JOBERT HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION BY MINIC TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AT DATE TO BE DETERMINED LATER.
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